Mountain Weather Forecast

Snowdonia National Park

Forecast valid from 00:00 on Thursday 12 May 2022 until 23:59 on Friday 13 May 2022

Forecast Issued on Wednesday 11 May 2022 at 14:16

Confidence: High confidence in largely dry conditions until at least the second half of the weekend and for it to become warmer. Moderate confidence in wind strengths on Friday. Low confidence in the details from Sunday, particularly with regards to the risk of showers and/or thunderstorms.

Headline for Thursday 12 May 2022: Breezy but largely dry with sunny spells and just a low chance of a few showers.

Mountain weather hazards on Thursday 12 May 2022

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Gales
Low Likelihood

Severe chill effect
Low Likelihood

Poor visibility
Low Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Strong sunlight
Medium Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m							
Time							
00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Partly cloudy (night)	Partly cloudy (night)	Sunny intervals	Sunny intervals	Sunny intervals	Light rain showers	Light rain showers	Sunny intervals
Precipitation probability							
10%	10%	10%	10%	10%	30%	30%	20%

Forecast for Thursday 12 May 2022

Weather: Clear spells and patchy cloud during the early hours leading to a bright start to the morning with sunny spells. Cloud amounts increasing during the morning but staying generally dry. Often rather cloudy during the afternoon with a chance of a few mostly light showers later in the afternoon and during the evening, but some sunny intervals remain likely. It will be a breezy day with a strong wind blowing over the summits.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 60-80% but lowering to 30% in the west during the evening.

Low Cloud and visibility: A few scraps of cloud above 600-650m around dawn, especially in the west. This lifting to occasional patches above 850m during the morning. Periods of cloud above 950-1000m during the afternoon, but most summits cloud free. Periods of cloud forming above 700m during the evening, this becoming persistent in the west and lowering to 600m by dusk. Generally very good visibilities with excellent air clarity and distant hills clear to see below the cloud base. Within the cloud visibilities will be poor and during any afternoon showers visibilities may temporarily drop to 5-10km at lower levels.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)					Wind Direction (blowing from)			
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
900	24/29 W	22/27 W	18/23 W	18/25 W	24/32 SW	29/40 SW	31/41 SW	28/38 SW	29/39 SW
600	15/20 W	12/18 W	12/17 W	15/21 SW	20/28 SW	23/33 SW	23/33 SW	19/28 SW	20/30 SW
300	10/18 W	7/16 W	7/14 W	11/19 W	15/26 SW	17/30 SW	16/30 SW	13/26 SW	14/27 SW
Valley	10/19 W	7/17 W	7/14 W	11/19 W	14/25 SW	17/29 SW	16/29 SW	13/25 SW	14/27 SW

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)								
	00:00	03:00	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
900	4/-2	2/-3	2/-3	3/-2	4/-1	5/-1	5/-1	5/-1	4/-2
600	6/2	5/1	5/1	6/2	7/2	7/2	7/2	7/3	6/2
300	8/6	7/5	7/5	9/6	10/7	10/7	10/6	9/6	9/6
Valley	9/7	8/6	8/6	10/8	12/9	12/9	11/8	11/8	10/7
Freezing Level*	1300m	1100m	1000m	1100m	1300m	1500m	1600m	1600m	1500m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Meteorologist's View

It will become increasingly windy through the day. By the end of the afternoon, considerable buffeting is likely on most summits and ridges exposed to the south-westerly wind, making walking somewhat difficult. It will feel like it's below freezing on the highest summits due to the strength of the wind, so you'll want to take extra layers of clothing. You may also need sun protection during the sunnier spells with moderate to high UV levels expected.

Forecast for Friday 13 May 2022

Weather: Windy with gales possible at times over the summits and locally to the east of major ridges. Generally remaining dry, however rather cloudy at times with the best of the bright or sunny spells in the east. A chance of a few light drizzly showers on mountains in the west, especially those closest to the coast. Brief bursts of sunshine are likely in the north and east of Snowdonia.

Maximum wind: South-westerly 25-30mph gusting 35-45mph on higher summits, in cols and along north-south aligned ridges. Locally stronger with a chance of isolated gusts of 55mph+ to the northeast of major summits.

Chance of cloud-free hill tops above 800m: 30% west, 60% east.

Low Cloud and visibility: Periods of cloud above 550-650m throughout the day. This often fleeting in some eastern parts but locally persistent on the Snowdon Range and other western mountains.

Temperature: **Valleys:** Plus 8 Celsius rising to plus 17 Celsius.
At 800m: Plus 5 Celsius rising to plus 8 Celsius during the afternoon.
Freezing level: Above the summits.

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